

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

PRESS RELEASE

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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners took the following action:

Dennis Ridgway, D.O., a 48 year-old general practice physician from Des Moines, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license immediately suspended by the Board. On April 15, 2003, the Board filed an Emergency Adjudicative Order and Statement of Charges immediately suspending Dr. Ridgway's Iowa medical license due to concerns of alcohol abuse. Dr. Ridgway was charged with habitual intoxication and the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety due to the excessive use of alcohol. A hearing in this matter is set for May 15, 2003.